Conversion of MG into BG between Miraj-Londa-Hubli-Hospet Gating Bijapur

815. SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the inaugural cermony tor converting Meter Gauge line into Broad Gauge between Miraj-Londa-Habli-Hispet 1 Gadag Bijapur was done by the Minister of Railways;

(b) wha,' is the annual allocation made for 1992-93 and 1993-94 for implemen-!ation of the Project-

(c) what is the time schedule, if any, fixed for the completion of the project; and

(d) what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA):

Statement

(a) Miraj-Londa 2-2-93

Sholapur-Gadag (Via Bijapur) . . . 3-6-93

Londa-Hubli 8-6-93

Hubli-Hospet 9-6-93

(b) The following allocations have been made during 92-93 & 93-94:

	92-93	93-94
Hospet-Hubli-Goa (with linked finger) 489 kms	Rs. 2.88 lakhs	Rs. 8 crores
Miraj-Londa (188 kms)	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 20 crores
Sholapur-Gadag (Via Bijapur)	nil	Rs. One lakh, (Supplementary Budget).

(c) & (d) Hospet-Hubli-Londa 94-95

Londa-Miraj 94-95

Londa-Goa . . . . . IXth Plan

Sholapur-Gadag . . . . . The work has been included in the Budget pending planning Commission's approval Actual conversion work will be taken up after Planning Commission's approval and target date will be fixed once the work is taken in hand.

Vacant posts of General Managers in Railways

816. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thato majority of the posts of ithe General Managers in the Indian Railways have been lying vacant for considerable time;

(b) if so, the regions in which the General Managers are yet to be appoin ted by the Railways;

(c) its impact on the functioning of these regions in the absence of General Managers; and

(d) the reasong for not filling up such important and vital posts in Indian Railways stating the steps taken by Government to remove the dificiencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K C. LENKA): No, Sir.

(b) Out of nine posts of General Managers in sine Railway Zones, one post of General Manager, Western Railway, has fallen vacant on 1-12-93,

Arrangements have been made locally to look after the current duties thereof, pending appointment of a regular incumbent.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Development of Railways in Kerala State

817. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to; state:

(a) whether any new allocation of resources for the development of Rail-ways in Kerala State has been made apart from the allocation made in the railway budget; and

(b) if so; what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1.4 crores has been additional ly provided by reappropriation to Kayan-kulam-QuUon doubling project and Rs. 1 crore to Trivandrum-Quilon doubling during the current financial year.

Doubling of Mangalore-Shormir Sector

818. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to| state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the utmost necessity to double the Mangalore-Shornur sector for the full benefit of the Konkan Railway project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for doubling ithis sector[1] and tthe time frame of its implementation; and

(c) by when the Quilon-Trivandrum sector would be doubled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) and (b) A survey for doubting of Shoranur-Mangalore line has been tttken up which will assess Mie traffic potential of the sedtion including the change in the pattern of traffic with the commissioning of Konkan Railway and gauge conversion works in this area. Further action will depend on the resuJte of the survey and availability of resources in the coming yeans.

(c) The doubling of Quilon-Trivandrum railway line (65 kms) has been sanction. ed. Land acquisition is in progresg and is expected to be completed in 1994-95. Doubling work would be taken up thereafter and completed as per availability of resources in the coming years.

Modernisation of Hubli Railway Workshop

819. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

ta) whether it is a iact that Hubli Railway workshop would be amidst broad gauge line shortly, in view of gauge conversion;

(b) if so, what steps were taken/or are being taken to upgrade and moder-, nise the workshop; and

(c) whether modernisation would gene rate more jobs, and if so, what ar© the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hubli workshop is not being modernised. However, in view of gauge conversion, it is proposed to convert the Metre Gauge workshop to Broad Gauge workshop for which a Techno Economic Survey has been carried out

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of Non-stop Train between Delhi and Madras

820. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sub Group of Parliamentary Gmsultative